

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT 12-07
CITY OF WILLMAR
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012

A meeting of the Public Works/Safety Committee was called to order at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, by Chairman Doug Reese at the City Office Building. Members present were: Council Members Ron Christianson, Bruce DeBlieck, and Dennis Anderson (substituting for Rick Fagerlie). Also present were: Holly Wilson, Public Works Director; Dave Wyffels, Police Chief; and Terrah Biegert, Recording Secretary.

1. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT OF TWO LIFT STATION PUMPS:

Staff presented three quotes received for the replacement of two lift stations in Welshire Addition. The pumps are 31 years of age and are continually plugging requiring more staff time. This in turn is a safety issue for staff entering the lift station (confined space) more often and pulling the pumps. It is staff's recommendation to replace the two pumps by using the low quote of Electric Pump. The work can be funded from line item 46 designated to sump pump inspections. After some discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member DeBlieck and passed for the following

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the quote of Electric Pump in the amount of \$23,695.00 plus tax and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City.
(Resolution)

2. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – PROJECT NO. 1202:

The City received four bids for Project No. 1202, which is the relocation of the 16" water main near the Minnesota Department of Transportation facility. The project is a directional bore of a 16-inch line and will be funded by Willmar Municipal Utilities. The low bid received was that of Ellingson Drainage, Inc. of West Concord, MN in the amount of \$124,740.00. A motion was made by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member Anderson, and passed for the following

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the low bid of Ellingson Drainage, Inc. in the amount of \$124,740.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City.
(Resolution)

3. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY::

Public Works Director Wilson presented an agreement between the City, BNSF Railway Company and the Commissioner of Transportation for the Trott Avenue West railroad crossing. The improvements consist of the installation of flashing light signals with gates, one cantilever, constant warning circuitry and LED lenses per a MnDOT safety audit, to be maintained and operated by BNSF Railway. Installation is proposed to take place in 2013. The project will be funded 90% by state funds reimbursable by federal funds and 10% by the City at an estimated cost of \$258,750.00. The agreement has been forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

A motion was made by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member Anderson, and passed for the following

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement contingent upon approval of the City Attorney and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. (Resolution)

4. STORM WATER TASK FORCE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works Director Wilson presented the Storm Water Task Force minutes regarding the Watershed Management Plan. The Watershed Management Plan poses no financial obligation to the City of Willmar and is recommended for adoption by staff and the Storm Water Task Force. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and passed for the following

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept and approve the final Watershed Management Plan. (Resolution)

5. BRIEF UPDATE ON LED STREET LIGHTING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

Public Works Director Wilson provided an update on LED street lighting. There are currently 3 LED street lights in place for a one-year test period located at: NW 7th St. & Park Ave; Monongalia Ave. between 8th and 9th St; and 23rd St. SE. These are placed in locations where certain members of the public can monitor them and call Willmar Municipal Utilities if problems arise. The LED street lights emit a white light that lasts 20-25 years.

6. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

No miscellaneous items were discussed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Holly Wilson, PE
Public Works Director

Terrah Biegert
Recording Secretary